

Representative Smith (TX) moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

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H. Res. 260, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 180, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 179. **Pages H2825–37**

Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007: The House began consideration of H.R. 1591, amended, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. Consideration is expected to continue Friday, March 23rd. **Pages H2875–H2931**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 110–64 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 261, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 182, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H2863–74**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, March 21st:

Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust: H. Con. Res. 66, to permit the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 181.

Pages H2837–38

Native American Methamphetamine Enforcement and Treatment Act of 2007: H.R. 545, amended, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 183. **Page H2874**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2836–37, H2837, H2837–38, H2873–74, H2874, and H2874–75. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Conditions and Trends in Rural Communities. Testimony was heard from Katherine Smith, Acting Administrator, Economic Research Service, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing and on the DEA/Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Karen Tandy, Administrator, DEA; and Michael J. Sullivan, Acting Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy: Nuclear Nonproliferation. Testimony was heard from Will Tobey, Administrator, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, Department of Energy.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on SBA. Testimony was heard from Steven C. Presten, Administrator, SBA.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Minerals Management Service/Office of Surface Mining. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Johnnie Burton, Director, Minerals Management Service; and Brent T. Wahlquist, Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Library of Congress and Open World: Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Library of Congress: James Billington, Librarian of Congress; Jo

Ann Jenkins, Chief Operating Officer, and a public witness.

TRANSPORTATION, AND HUD AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FAA. Testimony was heard from Marion Blakey, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation.

DOD AIRCRAFT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a joint hearing on Department of Defense Aircraft Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David G. Ahern, Director, Portfolio Systems Acquisition, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; James P. Woolsey, Assistant Director, Cost Analysis and Research Division, Institute for Defense Analyses; BG Stephen Mundt, USA, Director, Army Aviation, Headquarters, U.S. Army; William Balderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Naval Air Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition; RADM Bruce W. Clingan, USN, Director, Air Warfare Division, Headquarters, U.S. Navy; LTG John G. Castellaw, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Aviation, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; LTG Carrol H. Chandler, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans, and Requirements, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; and LTG Donald J. Hoffman, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition; and Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.

BP—TEXAS CITY DISASTER AND WORKER SAFETY

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on the BP—Texas City Disaster and Worker Safety. Testimony was heard from Carolyn W. Merritt, Chair, U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; and public witnesses.

COLLEGE PREPARATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness held a hearing on The Higher Education Act: Approaches to College Preparation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL SOLID WASTE IMPORTATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2007; GENETIC INFORMATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported H.R. 518, International Solid Waste Importation and Management Act of 2007.

The Committee began mark-up of H.R. 493, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007.

Will continue tomorrow.

SAFETY OF DRUG SUPPLY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on The Adequacy of FDA Efforts To Assure the Safety of the Drug Supply, Part II. Testimony was heard from Andrew C. Von Eschenbach, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Marcia G. Crosse, Director, Public Health and Military Health Care Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and Innovations in Interoperability." Testimony was heard from John M.R. Kneuer, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

OIL DEPENDENCE AND FOREIGN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Foreign Policy and National Security Implications of Oil Dependence. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GUINEA—PROSPECTS FOR PEACE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on Prospects for Peace in Guinea. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs; and Walter North, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Africa Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

EUROPEAN OPINION OF U.S. POLICIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Europe held a joint hearing on Polling Data on European Opinion of

American Policies, Values and People. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVER-CLASSIFICATION/INFORMATION SHARING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled "Over-classification and Pseudo-classification: The Impact on Information Sharing." Testimony was heard from J. William Leonard, Director, Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration; Chief Cathy L. Lanier, Metropolitan Police Department; Michael P. Downing, Assistant Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism/Criminal Intelligence Bureau, Los Angeles Police Department.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing on Changing Tides: Exploring the Current State of Civil Rights Enforcement within the Department of Justice and an oversight hearing on the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Wan J. Kim, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

COPYRIGHT ACT REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on Reforming Section 115 of the Copyright Act for the Digital Age. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress.

PUERTO RICO MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 900, Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2007; and H.R. 1230, Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Thomas, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 50, Multinational Species Conservation Funds Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 465, Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 1205, Coral Reef Conservation Amendments Act of 2007.

D.C. COLLEGE ACCESS ACT EXTENSION

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing on H.R. 1124, To extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

NOAA BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on NOAA Fiscal Year 2008 Budget. Testimony was heard from VADM Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN (Ret.), Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and a public witness.

FAA'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET PRIORITIES FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on FAA's Research and Development Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2008. Testimony was heard from Victoria Cox, Air Traffic Organization Vice President for Operations Planning, FAA, Department of Transportation; R. John Hansman, Co-Chair, FAA's Research Engineering and Development Advisory Committee; and public witnesses.

HIDDEN TAX ON SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "The New Hidden Tax on Small Business." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAA'S OPERATIONAL AND SAFETY PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing to review FAA's Operational and Safety Program. Testimony was heard from Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Warren Kroeppel, General Manager, LaGuardia Airport, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE EDUCATION BENEFITS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Education Benefits for National Guard and Reserve members. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Craig W. Duehring, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs; MG Terry L. Scherling, USAF, Director, Joint Staff, National Guard Bureau; and MG William D. Wofford, USA, State Adjutant General, Arkansas National Guard; and representatives of veterans organizations.

ELDERLY AND DISABLED REFUGEES ASSISTANCE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Assistance for Elderly and Disabled Refugees. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on the Alternative Minimum Tax. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold hearing on Counterintelligence. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 345)

H.R. 342, to designate the United States courthouse located at 555 Independence Street in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the “Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr. United States Courthouse”. Signed on March 21, 2007 (Public Law 110–13)

H.R. 544, to designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Sante Fe, New Mexico, as the “Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse”. Signed on March 21, 2007 (Public Law 110–14)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Second Report to Congress by the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request and the status of space activities, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing on Impact of NCLB on English Language Learners, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to continue mark up of H.R. 493, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on the Role of Public Investment in Promoting Economic Growth, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “Foreign Ownership: Discussion of Challenges Posed by Foreign Ownership To Using Critical Infrastructure,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Elections, to continue hearings on Election Reform, H.R. 811, Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007, 9:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.